Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2022 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1401
Bill #: SB 70
Document ID #: 2678
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to assessment of motor vehicles for property tax purposes and declaring an emergency.
Sponsor: Senator Robin Webb
Unit of Government: x City x County x Urban-County Unified Local x Charter County x Consolidated Local x Government
Office(s) Impacted: Property Valuation Administrator
Requirement:x Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties:x _ Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

SB 70 amends KRS 132.485 to mandate that vehicles which are assessed for property tax purposes do not exceed a rate of assessment which is five percent (5%) higher than the actual assessed valuation of the vehicle in the immediately preceding year for vehicles which were assessed in Kentucky that year. For vehicles which were not assessed in Kentucky the previous year, the Property Valuation Administrator must conduct an assessment of the vehicle either in person or through a review of photographs and other documentary evidence to determine the value.

On January 6, 2022, the Department of Revenue Office of Property Valuation released a memo pertaining to the motor vehicle assessments adopted on January 1, 2022. This memo indicated the total assessed value for motor vehicles increased by approximately 40 percent when compared to the total assessment adopted on January 1, 2021. Under current statutes, this increase in total assessments will lead to a corresponding increase in

motor vehicle property tax receipts at the state and local level during this assessment period.

Since SB 70 would limit the assessment increase for each motor vehicle to 5 percent or less, the fiscal impact of SB 70, once adopted, would be negative during the current assessment period. This negative local impact will vary based on the number of taxing districts within each county, the motor vehicle assessment within each taxing district, and the applicable tax rate. The local impact for future assessment periods during the biennium is indeterminable because future motor vehicle assessments for these periods are not available.

Total motor vehicle assessments and motor vehicle tax rate data are publically available at the county level, but the total assessment by taxing district within the county is not publically available. In the absence of motor vehicle assessment data by taxing district, it is not possible to estimate the negative local fiscal impact due to limiting the motor vehicle assessment increase to 5 percent. For these reasons, the local impact of SB 70 is negative but indeterminable.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

Part II, above, pertains to the bill as introduced.

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